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HARRY O'NEILL & SONS

by J.D. Williams

Henry Irenaeus "Harry" O'Neill was born in Fargo, North Dakota in 1885 and later moved to Seattle where he married his wife Florence in 1904. Harry's father William O'Neill went to Skagway and the Klondike in the Gold Rush of 1898, but with the subsequent discovery of copper in Kennecott, ended up much closer to Cordova. In 1908 Harry moved to Cordova and shortly thereafter sent for his family to join him, which at the time consisted of his wife and two young sons, William (Bill) and Harry, Jr. Harry Sr. and his wife had ten more children and raised their family in Cordova where Harry Sr. became a prominent merchant. By 1919 Harry owned O'Neill Slater Company, which was one of the two largest

businesses and a primary supplier of groceries in Cordova. That year, he merged with S. Blum & Company, the other major retail business to form Blum, O'Neill Company, with Harry as manager. The resulting store sold not only groceries, but also hardware, furniture, clothing and just about anything else a consumer needed. Harry also served on the City Council.

THE
**BLUM - O'NEILL
COMPANY**

**Grocery
Specials**

**Monday and Tuesday
March 31, April 1**

Canned Tomatoes, per can <small>(Not more than half dozen cans to customer)</small>	20c
Catsup, large bottle	30c
Royal Baking Powder, 1-lb can, per can	45c
Flavoring Extracts, 2-oz. bottles, per bottle	35c
Heinz's India Relish, per jar	20c
Pork and Beans, 1-lb can, per can	10c
S. & W. Pineapple, per can	30c
<small>(Not more than one to customer)</small>	
Peanut Butter, 1-lb cans, per tin	35c
Sea Foam Washing Powder, large package, per package	30c

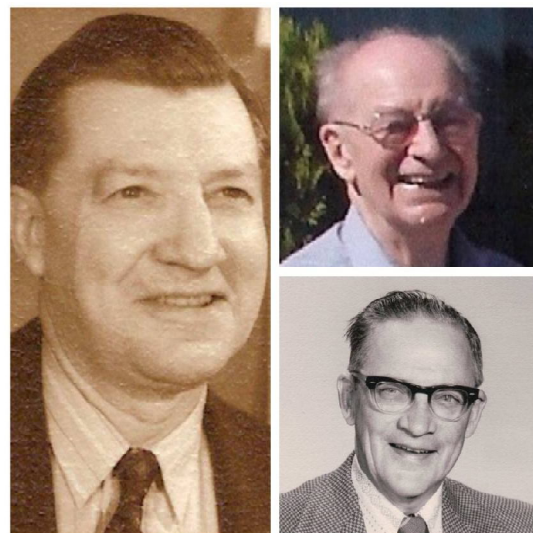
THE BLUM-O'NEILL CO.

Grocery Phone 6 Hardware 48 Office 154

Cordova Daily Times, 3/29/1919

by the Kennecott Copper Corporation. Although the railroad did not quit running until 1938, when the high grade ore played out and the railroad was headed toward closure, it was time for Harry to find a new location for his mercantile talents. He read of the forming of the Matanuska Valley Colony by the Federal Government in 1935 and decided to establish a grocery store in Palmer. However, soon after opening the store he determined that Anchorage offered much greater opportunities for business development. The following year he purchased the D.D. Restaurant in Anchorage.

The D.D. had been in business almost since the founding of Anchorage in 1915. A major fire in



Harry, Mike, Phil

While in Cordova Harry was instrumental in the forming of Star Canning Company, of which he was vice-president, and in 1917, along with Gus Ohm, was one of the incorporators of Ohm Fish and Packing Company. The Ohm Fish & Pack. Co. 5 BBL token is scarce, owned by few collectors. The token was only in use for two years since in 1919 Gus Ohm and others raised money to purchase Harry's interest in the company and the company was renamed Hinchinbrook Packing Company.



Cordova was not incorporated until 1909, a year after Harry O'Neill moved there from Seattle. As the terminus for the Copper River & Northwestern Railway, it was a boom town for a couple of decades with the rich copper ore produced

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I had fun putting this issue together. There is some interesting information in here that was not available a few months ago.

Very special thanks to J.D. Williams for his article on Harry O'Neill & Sons. The O'Neill businesses were probably the largest user of wooden drink tokens in Alaska. So many in fact that we illustrate only samples.

J.D. Williams worked overtime this month with two Feedback columns on page 119.

Kurtis Hawk provides a page of military challenge coins. There are more waiting in the wings.

The LoC newspapers provide the basis for a couple of articles. Did you know that Sam Dannenbaum (Nome B-18) was a "mudder?" McGrath and Takotna get looked at.

eBay was quiet this month. The following for the ARRC tokens seems to be expanding, with very impressive prices.

Our next auction will be Oct. 16. The Alaska items are at the end of this issue. If you would like the full auction listing, please let us know.

After I get this issue in the mail, I will start putting the Cassiar tokens from the last issue onto eBay. This will be a great opportunity for BC token collectors. I won't say once in a lifetime, but pretty close.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Canteen Bar, 12½¢, B-10a	68.00
Cordova , E.A. Hegg, 5¢, B-17a	OB650.00SUP
Cordova , Herbert Johnston, 5¢, B-21a	75.00OB
Juneau , Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56b	49.99OB
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	205.99
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	215.00
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b, PCGS-63	159.49
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b, PCGS-62	288.91
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d, PCGS-62	319.33
Palmer , ARRC, 50¢, B-1e, PCGS-62	468.83
Seward , The Palace, 12½¢, B-9c	10.50
AYPE , "Gold" Award Medal	78.00

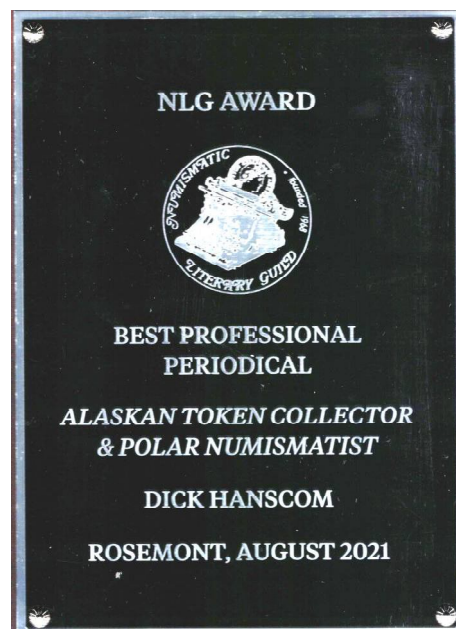
OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

1896 KLONDIKE 2021

Canada has issued a new \$1 coin honoring the First Nations members participation in the gold rush. The coin is available with and without the red applique representing Moosehide Gathering place.



NUMISMATIC LITERARY GUILD



I really didn't believe it until the plaque arrived.

HARRY O'NEILL & SONS, CONT.

1921 wiped out half a block including the restaurant, and another building was moved from Third to Fourth Avenue to replace the building. In 1937 Harry moved his family from Cordova to Anchorage. In 1938 Harry operated the restaurant as the D.D. Club and Lunch Room, with Mel Holden serving the meals and Harry in charge of "recreation."

Just Under the Wire . . .

TO OPEN FOR THE RENDEZVOUS

DD CLUB AND LUNCH ROOM

Operating as an old favorite under a new plan

MEL HOLDEN

To serve you better
meals—anytime

HARRY O'NEILL

To manage your
recreation center

Beer and Wine Dispensary

EATING AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

DURING THE RENDEZVOUS

Anchorage Daily Times, February 19, 1938.

Alaska had enacted a prohibition outlawing liquor sales that took effect in January 1918, a year before the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified providing for nationwide prohibition. Although the 18th Amendment was repealed in December 1933, Alaska did not allow hard liquor sales until 1934, and did not allow hard liquor to be served in bars until July 1, 1939. Thus, in 1938 the D.D. Club and Lunch Room was operated as a beer and wine dispensary.



Collectors are familiar with the four varieties of 12½¢ D.D. Club tokens - three with Anchorage and one without.

The D.D. occupied 25 feet of frontage on Fourth Ave. between C and D Streets. The following year Harry sold the restaurant business to John Balios who restored the original name D.D. Restaurant. By 1941

Harry had renamed the D.D. Club and did business as the D.D. Bar with his brother Charlie. In 1944 Harry purchased the building that housed the bar and restaurant in an estate auction for \$30,000, considered to be a substantial price at the time. At that time, the O'Neills operated the D & D Liquor Store in the D & D Building at 327 Fourth Ave. Al Fox operated the restaurant and bar in the late 1940s until shortly before his death in 1952. By then the D.D. name had morphed to D & D Bar and Café. The D & D Bar tokens issued by Al Fox are easy to acquire.



tokens shown at reduced size

After Al Fox had been denied a liquor license in 1951 and relinquished the premises, Harry O'Neill and his son Mike in 1952 applied for a liquor license for the bar and were able to get the license reissued. The O'Neills remodeled the D & D building in 1957 at a cost of \$25,000.

Harry O'Neill was the principal in O'Neill & Sons. In the late 1940s O'Neill & Sons and J.B. O'Neill acquired the Alpine Inn in Sutton. From Anchorage, Sutton is located at mile 61 of the Glenn Highway, about 14 miles past Palmer. The Inn consisted of a bar, café, liquor store and lodging. In its early years, the Alpine Inn was promoted by the O'Neills as a weekend getaway for Anchorage residents where they could dance to a live orchestra. In 1949 Harry's daughter Teresa and her husband Norman Hartung ran the Alpine Inn for a year until Teresa's brother Phil and his wife Jean took over the management of the Inn. Phil met his wife Jean while she was working at the Pioneer Hotel in Fairbanks (B-45) and they married in 1950. They moved to Sutton and managed the Alpine Inn for O'Neill & Sons until the Inn was sold in 1964. Phil and Jean continued to live in Sutton until 1984, at which time they moved to Palmer. After Harry's death Phil was president of O'Neill, Inc., and one of the owners of the building housing the Richmond Cocktail Lounge.

HARRY O'NEILL & SONS, CONT.



tokens shown at reduced size

In the 1950s 5¢, 25¢ and \$1 metal tokens were used by the Alpine Inn. The same tokens were also used in Anchorage at the Victory Bar located at 525 4th Avenue, and Richmonds on the 700 block on 4th Avenue, where reservations could be made for the Alpine Inn. A later owner issued Alpine Inn wooden nickels.

Charles Richmond and his wife Grace originally operated a restaurant and soda fountain near 4th Avenue and G Street in Anchorage. In 1941 the property was remodeled to add Richmond Bar. The following year Richmond leased the property to Harry O'Neill, where Harry tended bar in the early years. Harry's brother John "J.B. or Jack" O'Neill, who had been a stockholder in Harry's main Cordova corporation, also had an ownership interest in the Richmond Bar. The Richmond Bar ownership was later transferred to O'Neill & Sons, Inc.

In 1957 Richmond constructed a new building on the site which housed three separate businesses including the Richmond Cocktail Lounge and the Richmond Barber Shop. Charles Richmond died in 1958 and in 1960 O'Neill & Sons, Inc. purchased the building from Richmond's widow.



Almost 40 different wooden nickels for the Richmond Cocktail lounge are listed by David Phillips, who writes the **MONEY TO BURN** column. Although some Richmond Cocktail Lounge wooden nickels contain the address 717 4th Avenue and others state 721 4th Avenue, both addresses are for the same property.



In the 1940s until the mid 1950s the O'Neills also owned and operated the Richmond Liquor Store at 717 4th Avenue, and the metal Richmonds tokens were presumably good for use at both the bar and the liquor store. Ever merchandisers, O'Neill & Sons would run an ad during the fall holiday season that read "Send Your Friends Outside a can of genuine FRESH ALASKAN AIR - Get it Today at Richmond Cocktail Lounge - 'The Friendly O'Neills'"

Michael F. "Mike" O'Neill and Philip J. "Phil" O'Neill were the two most active sons in O'Neill & Sons. After Harry's retirement in the late 1950s, Mike managed the Anchorage businesses of O'Neill & Sons. Phil continued to manage the Alpine Inn in Sutton, and, as noted above, was later president of O'Neill, Inc.

Mike came to Anchorage in 1937, so the statement "since 1937" on many of the wooden nickels is not really that much of a stretch even though the listed bars had not been in existence since 1937.

In the 1960s and early 1970s Mike O'Neill would lead a St. Patrick's Day parade that would end up at the Richmond (named O'Neills Gaslight in the 70s) where green beer along with corned beef and cabbage were served.

In addition to the bars mentioned above, the O'Neills owned two other bars: the Hangar Bar in the 1950s and the Shamrock Inn in the 1960s.



HARRY O'NEILL & SONS, CONT.

O'Neill & Sons
Box 2000
Anchorage, Alaska

Sure'n there'll
be a big St. Pat's
party at
THE SHAMROCK
&
THE RICHMOND
Cocktail Lounge!

6-Pak Bottles **PADDY'S BUY!** **OLYMPIA BEER 99c** Case \$3.95

Six Stores To Serve You
— BROWN JUG LIQUOR STORES —
• GOVT. HILL — 847 E. Loop Rd.
• DOWNTOWN — 2111 E. 5th Ave.
• SPENARD — 3727 Spennard Rd.
• SPENARD — 1217 Northern Lights Blvd.
— GREEN BOTTLE LIQUOR STORES —
• MT. VIEW — Benlue & Glau Highway
• 411 E. Northern Lights & Eagle St.
Anchorage's finest & friendliest spirits
Since 1937

GREEN BOTTLE **BROWN JUG**

Anchorage Daily Times, March 17, 1964



A number of wooden nickels issued by Richmond Cocktail Lounge contain both the Richmond and Shamrock names as they were used at both establishments.

One of the reasons there are so many different Richmond woods is that they were widely distributed resulting in a number of orders being placed with the manufacturer. From at least 1959 through 1967 the Brown Jug and Green Bottle liquor stores, which were owned by O'Neill & Sons, advertised that a free wooden nickel good for one drink on the house at Richmond Cocktail Lounge would be given away with every purchase over \$10 (the amount later being raised to \$12). See the top of the right column.

Mike remodeled the Richmond Cocktail Lounge and in October 1969 reopened as O'Neill's Gaslight. At about the same time the Shamrock Inn was sold.

CHOICE WINES
For Your HOLIDAY MENU
GIBSON

5th ... **75¢** CASE OF 12 **\$8.90**

ALL VARIETIES GUILD WINES

5th or Quarts ... **99¢** CASE OF 12 **\$11.75**

GALLO TOKAY

Gallons ... **\$2.89** CASE OF 4 **\$11.25**

2 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS ...
THE BROWN JUG { **THE GREEN BOTTLE**
Across from Merrill Field At Benlue and the By-Pass Road

FREE ONE WOODEN NICKEL WITH EACH PURCHASE OF \$10 OR MORE — GOOD FOR ONE ON THE HOUSE — RICHMOND BAR — 721 4th AVE.

Anchorage Daily Times, Dec. 23, 1959.

David Phillips catalogues at least eight different wooden nickels issued by O'Neill's Gaslight. The Gaslight woods were only used for a few years as Mike O'Neill sold the bar in 1971 and O'Neills was thereafter dropped from the name.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th

GREEN DRINKS SERVED ALL DAY
CORNEBEEF SANDWICHES
Served By Anchorage Symphony
Starting 2 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT
AFTERNOON
BILL O'FLETCHER
Singer, Guitarist
EVENING
RAY O'CARPENTER
Piano
HAMEED O' AHMAD
Drums

GASLIGHT PARADE
Participants arriving about 3 p.m. led by
Leprechaun, Mike O'Neill (above)

O'Neill's Gaslight
721 West Fourth Avenue Anchorage

Anchorage Daily Times, Mar. 16, 1971



HARRY O'NEILL & SONS, CONT.

As far as the Victory Bar is concerned, the metal tokens shared with the Alpine Inn and Richmonds, barely make it into the record books as both Territorial and Post-Statehood. Its liquor license was transferred in the spring of 1959 and the bar is not listed in the 1960 Anchorage directory. (Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959.)



In 1967 O'Neill & Sons issued a trade dollar that was good at the Brown Jug, Green Bottle, Richmond Lounge and Shamrock Inn. The Trade Dollar is not only part of most Alaska token collections, but is also sought by collectors of Alaska Purchase Centennial tokens and medals. In 1967 Alaska celebrated the 100th anniversary of its purchase from Russia. The obverse of the O'Neill Trade Dollar features the standard centennial logo.

The Trade Dollar was issued in oxidized bronze and oxidized nickel, both with and without serial number. Kurtis Hawk, a frequent contributor to this newsletter, reports that 50 were also issued in silver.

O'Neill & Sons extensively advertised in 1967 that certain numbered trade dollars could be exchanged for specified liquor purchases at a particular O'Neill owned liquor store. In the ad that accompanies this article the highest trade dollar serial number listed is 3551, but other ads list a number higher than 5,000!

Harry O'Neill died at age 79 in 1964 survived by nine of his children. Phil passed away in 1985. Mike lived to be 91 and died in 2005. The bars were sold off over the years and the primary remaining asset of O'Neill & Sons was the Brown Jug liquor stores. These were sold to a Canadian company in 2008. Last year they were sold to Afognak Native Corporation.

Alaska's Wealthiest Family Includes 7 Boys and 4 Girls



Here's the famous O'Neill Family of Cordova, the biggest aggregation of human happiness in Alaska. Reading from top to bottom, they are: Harry, 16, at the right; William, Alice, Philip, Edward, Michael, Patrick, Florence, Frances, Margaret and Theresa (in her mother's arms). Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were married about 17 years ago. They have resided in Alaska since 1908. Mr. O'Neill is a successful merchant.

"BRAND OF THE WEEK"
SPECIAL

TEN HIGH ½ Gal. \$11.29
IMPERIAL ½ Gal. \$11.29

O'Neill Trade Dollars No. 1073, 481, 3551, and 1500 each good for one case Leonard Krauch Liebfraumilch at the Library of Fine Spirits, Brown Jug only.

Tell 'em where you got it.

OFFER GOOD
Mon. 10/23
thru
Sun. 10/29
ONLY

at any
Six O'Neill &
Sons Green Bottle
or Brown Jug
Liquor Stores
and the Library of
Fine Spirits.

Anchorage Daily Times, October 23, 1967.

Cordova Daily Times, March 25, 1922.

EARLY DAYS AT SUTTON FEEDBACK

ESKA CREEK FARMERS DOING WELL

Perry Sutton, one of the first to locate a homestead in the section around Eska creek, says the farmers up in his vicinity are making a very good showing this season and that the weather conditions in his locality have been very favorable to the farmers. Practically all the crop is now seeded except some late garden stuff, and much of the early sown stuff is now up in good shape. He states that the grass along the right-of-way up there is at present knee high and that everything there indicates a much earlier season than it is down close to the coast.

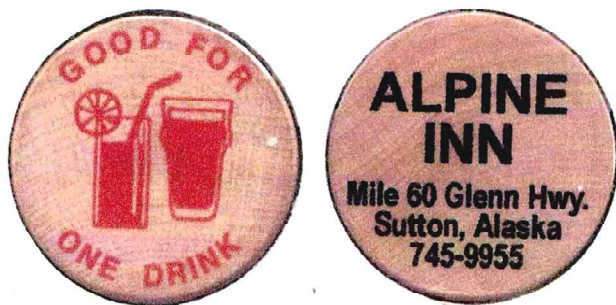
Seward Gateway, June 20, 1917

COAL FIELDS OPENED

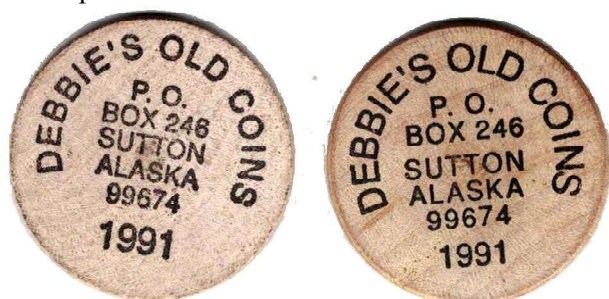
Government coal mines at Eska and Chickaloon, which are connected with the main railroad by a branch line, have produced approximately 100,000 tons piled and ready for railroad and domestic use. The foundation for the 100 ton capacity coal cleaning plant is being laid at Sutton, where the Eska and Chickaloon branches come together.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, April 30, 1921

SUTTON WOODS



There are several wooden tokens from the Alpine Inn which were issued subsequent to the O'Neill's ownership.



Debbie's Old Coins was a prolific issuer of wooden nickels from 1990 to 1996, as evidenced by two types for 1991. She subsequently moved to Wasilla.

RYSTAD & MILLER

Ingvald Rystad: Anchorage papers show that when he died in 1924 he was a carpenter with the Alaska railroad and had worked on various bridge gangs. His obituary said he lived in Alaska for many years, resided in a number of camps in the interior, was an obliging fellow and had lots of friends. I'm thinking he is not the Rystad of Rystad and Miller, but I could be wrong. There was an R.H. Miller that worked as a station agent for the Alaska Railroad in Anchorage at the same time Rystad was employed as a carpenter. You have a station manager and carpenter who may have known each other, so maybe they had a cigar store at the train station. But it seems odd that they never advertised the store.

J.D. Williams

CHITINA MYSTERY TOKEN

You may want to add a postscript to Tom Dalrymple's Chitina Mystery Token story. There was a legal dispute in the 1970s regarding the Chitina Museum building as well as the Chitina Hotel, Chitina Bar, Chitina Cash Store, Chitina Garage, Chitina Power Company and Chitina Liquor Store. On April 1, 1976 the Anchorage Daily Times reported that an Anchorage Superior Court Judge settled an ownership dispute and thereafter ordered the properties sold to satisfy a judgement lien for money owed a third party of \$45,373.44. The sale of the Chitina Museum and other properties was duly advertised for a few weeks as a legal notice in the Anchorage Daily News and the sale was held on May 11, 1976 in front of the Chitina Post Office. The Anchorage Daily News reported in its May 12, 1976 that between 60 and 100 people attended the auction and that the bids for the properties including the Chitina Museum building totaled \$36,600.

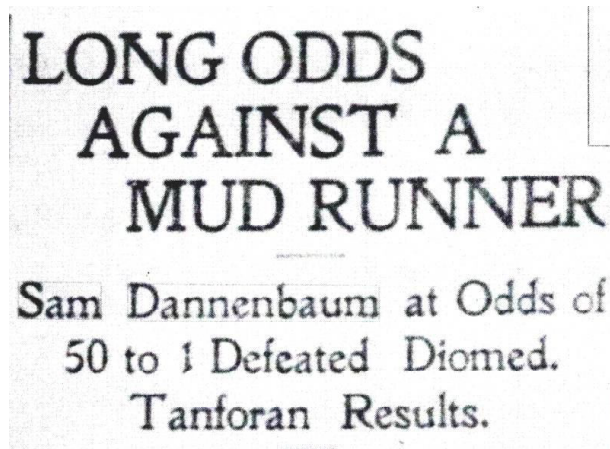
The buildings were listed separately and as to the sale of the Chitina Museum building it listed only the building as being for sale. For the other buildings the ad listed building separately and then went on to say the sale also included the contents. This indicates that whatever was in the Museum had been removed.

J.D. Williams

SAM DANNENBAUM

The most famous Sam Dannenbaum in San Francisco at the turn of the century was a race horse!

San Francisco Call, December 16, 1899.



*Among the starters in the first event at Tanforan yesterday, a six furlong sprint for two-year-olds, was **Sam Dannenbaum**, ridden by Henry and sporting the colors of "Whitehat" McCarty. The ring thought so little of the youngster's class that 40 to 50 to 1 could be gathered in profusion. Diomed, which had receded from 7 to 10 to 3 to 2, skimmed gayly out in front, giving early promise of winning in ragtime. Henry gradually moved up from fifth position with his mount and catching Diomed when his breathing apparatus showed signs of impairment, beat him out a scant length to the wire. The winner ran practically unbacked, and his victory was welcomed by the books.*

Sam Dannenbaum, the horse, can be found in the racing forms from 1899 to 1901.

Sam Dannenbaum, the cigar merchant can be found, less frequently. When mentioned, he does seem to be a person known to many.

In January of 1899, Sam Dannenbaum signed a petition to allow the Mutual Electric Light Company to place poles and lights by his establishment, 828 Market.

In June of 1899, he was on the decorations sub-committee for the Fourth of July celebrations.

Also in July of 1899, he spoke in favor of bringing the fight between Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey to San Francisco: *I would like to see the big fellows get together in this city. Both are better known here than*

any place else on the continent, and I believe the people out here are more interested in them than any other place in the world. The fight was held in Coney Island, NY. Jeffries won by decision.

But by August, 1900, he is in Nome.

San Francisco Call, August 10, 1900.

Johnnie Farley Returns

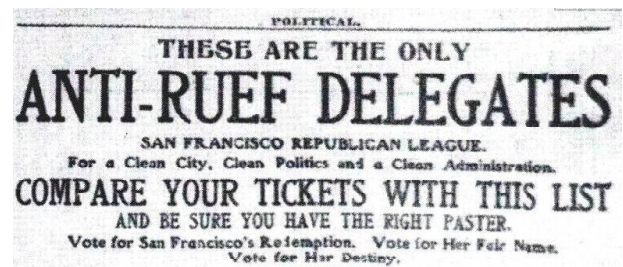
John F. Farley, epicure, Shakespearean student, and owner of the Peerless saloon, returned from Nome last night via Seattle. He tells an interesting story of his three months' trip up in the northern country.

The Nome country is very rich in gold, but the trouble of the whole region is that there is not enough water ...The old timers of Nome say this is the driest summer they have even known.



*E.J. Baldwin has opened a gambling and dance hall about five miles out of Nome, but I do not think his venture is a good one. **Sam Dannenbaum** has a good cigar store on main street and is making piles of money. The report that Wyatt Earp was shot at Nome is not true.*

By 1905, Sam Dannenbaum is back in San Francisco and is one of the "Men Who Will Save City." (San Francisco Call, July 26, 1905). Apparently he was one of the "Anti-Ruef Delegates." He was in the Fortieth District.



San Francisco Call, August 7, 1905.

Abraham Ruef ran a political machine that controlled San Francisco. His cohorts won the 1905 elections, but he was later convicted of bribery and extortion. He was sentenced to 14 years. It took him five years to arrange his release.

McGRATH-TAKOTNA

With the addition of the Kusko Times to the Library of Congress newspapers, we are able to research token issuers in McGrath and Takotna. The Kusko Times was published in McGrath until May 12, 1923. It then moved to Takotna for the June 9, 1923 issue. All ads and quotes from the Kusko Times.

Gus Gullikson (McGrath B-1a) was a hotel owner. It is possible that he had a business in McGrath, but he most certainly had a business in Takotna.



August 9, 1922.

Fred Spencer, with the launch Dora, pushing a barge loaded with 8,700 board feet of lumber from the Innoko Lumber Company's mill, arrived in port early Monday morning. The lumber is for use in the building being erected by Gus Gullikson at Tacotna, for which the Dora again started Tuesday forenoon, being assisted by the Red Wing in pushing the barge up the Tacotna.

October 14, 1922.

Late arrivals from Tacotna state that Mr. and Mrs. Gullikson recently opened their newly-completed hostelry at that place. The upper floor is divided into private rooms, every one of which is reported to be occupied at present. Downstairs Mr. Gullikson has a soft-drink emporium.

It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Gullikson to have a formal opening as soon as the trails will permit the attendance of their many friends.



October 11, 1924

April 16, 1927.

A real estate transaction of some importance was recorded a few days when the Gullikson House passed into the hands of Mrs. Clara Taulman and E.J. Gove. The house in the future will be known as the Takotna Roadhouse. Many alterations have been made during the past few days, all in the way of improvements. The house was formally opened to the public this evening.

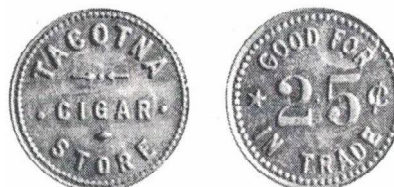
April 23, 1927.

Anxiously awaiting the arrival of an airplane or some other mode of transport is Gus Gullikson, who recently disposed of his interests here and who will leave at the earliest opportunity either for Anchorage or Fairbanks on his way to the Outside. Mr. Gullikson will go direct to Los Angeles, where Mrs. Gullikson is at present...

Mr. Gullikson is among the early-day pioneers of this section, having come to the Kuskokwim about 1910.

H.A. Hummel (McGrath B-2) appears only as a donator to the John E. Baker Fund (Kusko Times, August 23, 1924). Bill Hummel is found many times.

October 18, 1930.



The Takotna Cigar Store discontinued operations a few day ago. Mr. and Mrs. Dubois now occupying the same for additional residential purposes.

July 29, 1922.



Notice to Debtors

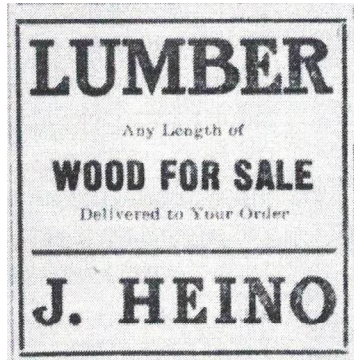
To all those owing accounts to the Kuskokwim Commercial Company, notice hereby given that the afore-said accounts will be disposed of at the office of A. Higgins at Tacotna, on September 1, 1922.

*Kuskokwim Commercial Co.
by J.W. Fielder, Agent*

McGRATH-TAKOTNA, CONT. FOR THE RECORD



John Heino, Tokotna, B-1a



March 25, 1922.



McGrath Pool Hall, B-3a

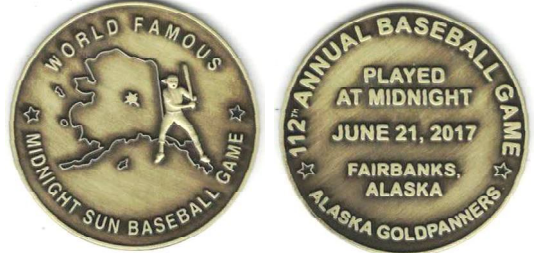


September 9, 1922.

Two candidates for the McGrath Pool Hall.



CHITINA: G&G, 12½¢ in trade, brass, 21mm, B-3a. Listed, not illustrated.



FAIRBANKS: Alaska Goldpanners (baseball team), Midnight Sun Baseball Game, 112th Annual, June 21, 2017. Antiqued bronze color, but does not feel like bronze, 33mm.



FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Rotary Club challenge coin. "Four Way Test..." Multi-colored; black (or dark blue), red, green and light blue on gold colored metal, 38mm.



(SEATTLE, WA): Alaska Pipeline Tavern, rain check. Gold on green plastic, about 42mm. This was located at 4302 SW Alaska Way. It opened in August of 1979. It is now the Corner Pocket.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ATTU ISLAND: Northern Pacific, USCG Loran "C" Chain. Red, blue and yellow enamel on gold colored metal, 44mm (shown reduced)

(KETCHIKAN): Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility, SEAFAC, National Sea Systems Command, NAVSEA. Red, white and blue enamel and decal on silver colored medal. Size not reported.



(EIELSON A.F.B.): 168th Chiefs' Council, Guardians of the North, Chiefs of the Last Frontier. Red, white, blue and brown enamel on gold colored metal, 45mm (shown reduced).

(KETCHIKAN): Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility, Team Submarine, (unreadable unit designation) Naval Sea Systems Command. Red, white and blue enamel and decal on silver colored metal. Size not reported.



(EIELSON A.F.B.): 354th Operations Group, Detachment 1. Red Flag Alaska, Wolverines. Black, red, and yellow on silver colored metal, 45mm (shown reduced).

U.S. ARMY ALASKA: Presented by the Commanding General. In support of Excellence, USARAK. Oxidized silver color, blue, white, red and yellow enamel. Size not reported.



(EIELSON A.F.B.): 354th Operations Group, Presented by the Commander, Arctic Warrior. Multi-colored enamel on nickel plating, 45mm, reduced.

Challenge Coins on this page submitted by Kurtis Hawk.

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Douglas Island News

June 28, 1911: **Powell & Drew** have installed a fine bar and will be ready for business on the first.

Feb. 21, 1912: **Powell & Drew**, proprietors of the **Denver Grand**, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Powell. (B-6)

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ALASKA MEDALS & COLLECTIBLES

- 221 **Alaska Tokens. Anchorage**, Alpine Inn, Richmonds (bar), Victory (bar), set of 3; 5¢, 25¢ and \$1. B-5, a-c, AU or better. While Richmonds and Victory were in Anchorage, the Alpine Inn was in Sutton, about 61 miles up the Glenn Highway. These are the only Territorial tokens that can be attributed to Sutton! All three businesses were owned by the O'Neills. See the October issue of Alaska Token Collector & Polar Numismatist for full details. 75.+
- 222 **Alaska Token: Juneau**, Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-29a, AU with mottled toning. 25.
- 223 **Alaska Token: Valdez**, Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ Trade Check, B-4a XF-AU, glossy brown. 50.
- 224 **Fairbanks Trade Dollars**, 1959. While the actual circulating trade dollar was issued in 1959, offered here are the sterling silver (1964) and bronze (1965) restrikes. The silver is edgemarked 64, while the bronze is edgemarked 65 indicating the date of issue. Both have the serial number 69 on the edge. The silver is nice, but the bronze shows some speckling from the sponge in the original holder. Not rare, but quite scarce. Two pieces. 50.
- 225 **Santa Claus House, North Pole**, 1963, silver trade dollars. Santa on the obverse, sled and reindeer flying over Santa Claus House on the reverse. Edgemarked "sterling" and a serial number. Four medals, .58 oz. ASW each for a total of 2.32 troy ounces of silver. 100.+
- 226 **Fairbanks Coin Club**, 1965, First Annual State Coin Convention, silver and bronze medals. This was a big deal! Chet Krause of Numismatic News Weekly was one of the out of state visitors. Maury Smith wrote it up in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, and NNW did a nice spread about the convention in the Aug. 30, 1965 issue. The obverse has a nice circumpolar map while the reverse features what would become the standard of future Fairbanks Coin Club medals - the gold panner. Only 500 sets were struck. While the silver is nice, the bronze has spent over 50 years in contact with sponge in a snap lock case. This has left the surfaces somewhat speckled. Rather scarce. 2 pcs. 50.
- 227 **Alaska Purchase Centennial Medals**, 1967. Both sets are comprised of a silver and bronze medal. The first set is the official U.S. commemorative medals minted in Philadelphia, with the Sourdough statue on the obverse and Purchase Centennial totem on the reverse. The second is the Pioneer Memorial Park A67 set from Fairbanks. These contain about 1.33 troy ounces ASW. 60.
- 228 **Trans-Alaskan Pipeline 1 oz. Silver Medal Set**, 1974 to 1977. This twelve piece set traces the construction of the Pipeline. Extremely popular during the construction, many went "outside" with the workers. It is becoming more and more difficult to put a set together. Also included is the #6 medal struck using the reverse die meant for medals #2 to #5. 13 pieces. 500.
- 229 **Kentucky Fried Chicken ¼ ounce Silver Bars**. Issued in 1981 this set of (3) ¼ oz. bars are quite popular. All have Alaska motifs: moose/map, Dall sheep/Mt. McKinley, grizzly bear/flag. One has to ask why three? Why not four? Housed in their original packaging. Three pieces. 50.
- 230 **Gold Elongated Token!** In the mid 1980s, Bert Samsa of Fairbanks was making elongated coins. He made them on cents through half dollars for special events. He did an Alaska animal series. His were better than the run-of-the-mill elongateds, with deeper, more detailed engraving. Offered here is his gold panner design rolled on a 24kt Franklin Mint presidential medal. You can still see some of the medal and read "James Monroe, 24 Karat Gold" on the back. We vaguely remember selling Bert these medals for him to use and have to guess there were less than 10 of them. Actual gold weight is .15 troy ounces, about \$270 worth of gold at \$1800/oz. 400.+
- 231 **Official State of Alaska ¼ oz. Silver Medals**, 1990. The state started the medal program in 1989, and it is extremely unusual to see fractionals from these early years. Our information shows 1,100 ¼ oz. medals were struck featuring a walrus on the obverse and the mandatory seal of the State of Alaska on the reverse. All of these are nice BU examples. Five pieces. 90.-110.

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- 232 **Official State of Alaska 1 oz. Silver Medal, ERROR**, 1990. This was the second year of the State medals, the second year that Alaska Precious Metals had the contract. This example has a “railroad” edge. The edge of the medal is only partially reeded, and some of the edge is totally plain. When this was struck, the planchet did not seat properly and did not drop into the collar (which puts the reeding on the edge). The medal is fully struck, and a bit broader than a normal medal. An interesting oddity. 100.
- 233 **University of Alaska 75th Anniversary 1 oz. Silver Medal**, 1992. We had this medal made for the UAF Alumni Association. It features the Agricultural Research Station, and the Synthetic Aperture Radar Facility with the Aurora overhead. These two entities present the growth of the University over its first 75 years. There were only 300 medals minted, of which this is number 94. We cannot recall the last time we saw one of these. This probably the most elusive of all the medals we have had made. 100.+
- 234 **Official State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal**, 1993. This year featured the wolf and is well executed. We also note the very high rims, almost like regular proof coins. There is one red spot on the reverse. Only 298 were minted. 250.
- 235 **Iditarod 1 oz. Silver Medals**, 2006 and 2008. Pure silver medals with mintages of 3,000 each. Jeff King and Lance Mackey respectively won in these years. Currently, the Iditarod medals for 2020 sell for \$75 each. All original packaging. Two pieces. 100.-150.

ALASKA COLLECTIBLES

- 236 **(3) Northern Commercial Co. 10k Gold lapel pins**. The Northern Commercial Co. was the “Sears and Roebuck” of the north. If they didn’t have it, you didn’t need it! With a river fleet to deliver the goods they could be found in most interior villages. The red NC flag is set against a half-oval background. Each pin weighs .066 troy ounces for a total weight of .198 oz. about .083 troy ounces actual gold content. 3 pins. 200.-250.
- 237 **Territory of Alaska 10k Gold Charm**. A small coin shaped charm weighing .029 troy ounces made by J.L. Houston, most likely in the 1950s. The obverse has “Territory of Alaska” around the rim with a rather crude scene at the center with a person looking at distant mountains. The reverse is plain but for the hallmark and “10k.” A very neat jewelry item from Territorial days. 60.-100.
- 238 **1964 Earthquake 10k Gold Charm**. We offered one of these in a prior auction and are surprised to have another. This fascinating charm (1” by 3/4”) depicts 4th Avenue in Anchorage after the earthquake with the sunken road, toppled cars, etc. Originally made by Ken Warburton (sp?) Jewelers years ago. They were the main competitor to J.L. Houston before both went out of business. Total weight is .379 troy ounces. Actual gold weight is .158 troy ounces. 400.-600.
- 239 **Fairbanks Flood: Report and Booklet**. “The Disastrous Fairbanks, Alaska Flood of August 1967. Report to the Committee on Public Works, United States Senate by Senator Ernest Gruening.” This report is dated September 1967. When does government ever move this fast? This is paper bound with maps and photos. Also included is “Flood” by the Anchorage Daily News. This is more in the line of a souvenir publication. Both of these have great photos showing the effects of the flood. Also included are three more Fairbanks booklets: “Fairbanks, the \$200 Million Gold Rush Town” by Jo Anne Wold; “A Brief History of Fairbanks” by William R. Cashen; and “Fairbanks Self-Guided Downtown Walking Tour” by Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau. Finally, a folding postcard booklet, “Greetings from Fairbanks.” Six neat Fairbanks publications. 75.
- 240 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Pins**, 1983 to 1993, inclusive. All but one in their original packaging. The 1983 is missing the pin. 11 pins. 100.+
- 241 **Future, Incorporated Stock Certificates**. Over 50 unissued, unmarked certificates great for gifts and stocking stuffers! You can give your child or grandchild the Future. Also included is a bundle of Future, Inc. cancelled stocks and company records, featuring prominent Fairbanks families. 100.
- 242 **Ink Drawing on Reindeer Skin** by George Ahgupuk. Ahgupuk is well known for his pen and ink drawings. This one is titled “Daily Life” and presents a village scene with skin houses, drying racks, an upturned boat, sleds and dogs. The image is about 5 3/4” by 3 3/4” and nicely framed by Alaska House Art Gallery. Circa 1970s. Google Ahgupuk and you can view other pieces. 150.+

ALASKA MAPS

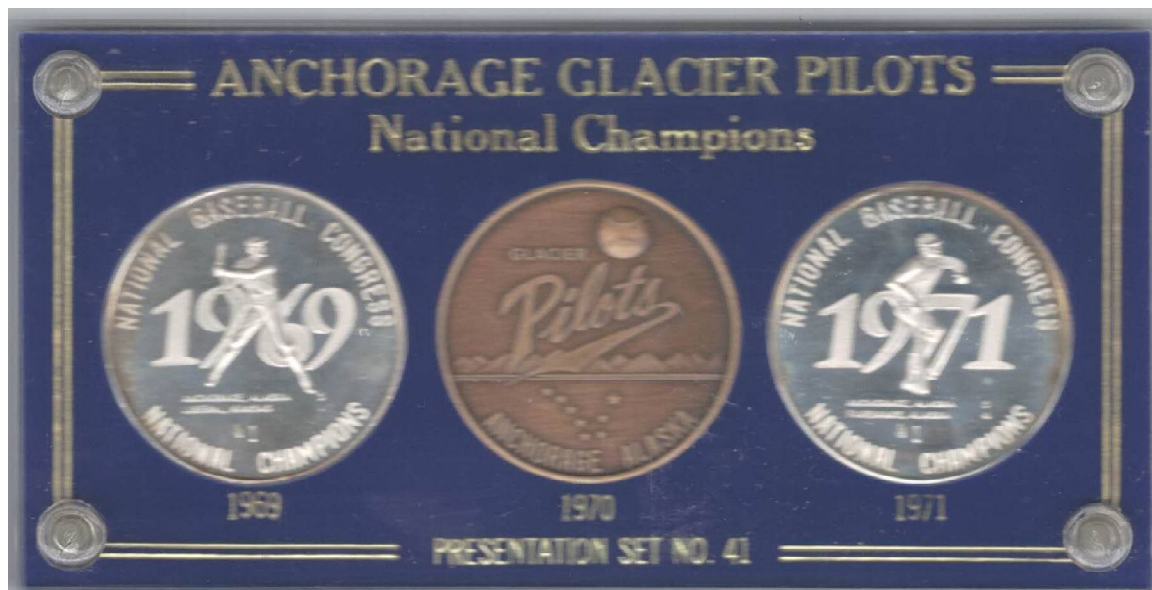
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- 243 **1882 Map of Alaska**, compiled by Ivan Petroff for the 10th Census of the United States. This map shows the distribution of Polar Bears, Brown Bears and the overlapping distribution of Brown and Black Bears. Why was this important to the Census? An early map of Alaska, about 9" by 7" in an old frame.
- 244 **1945 "Highway" Map of Alaska**. It appears to be a folding brochure, courtesy of the Alaska Fire Control Service. In a modern frame, only the map side is visible. This map shows all the high-ways from Anchorage to Circle City; the Glenn Hwy from Anchorage to Glennallen; the Chitina Road; the Slana-Tok (now Tok Cut-off) Hwy; the Nabesna Road; the Richardson Hwy from Valdez to Fairbanks; the Alaska Hwy from the border to Fairbanks; the Steese Hwy from Fairbanks to Circle; and the Elliott Hwy from Fox to Livengood. The Alaska Railroad is present. Conspicuous by its absences is the Parks Hwy. Point to point mileages are given. Roadhouses are noted. Great detail showing major and minor rivers. Mileage charts are on the right giving distances from Anchorage and Fairbanks. This is an historical snapshot of transportation in Alaska at the end of World War II. About 12" by 13".

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75.+

ANCHORAGE GLACIER PILOTS BASEBALL!



ANCHORAGE GLACIER PILOTS baseball team championship medals. The set includes two sterling silver medals and one bronze medal. The illustrations are out of focus because the screws in the holder holds the medals away from the scanner. This is set number 41.

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